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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD MV WORLD LEADER

1. IATF HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM WORLD WIDE MARINE INC. OF NEW YORK ABOUT 10 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO WERE PICKED UP BY LIBERIAN MOTOR TANKER WORLD LEADER ON MAY 4 ABOUT 200 MILES EAST OF SAIGON. LETTER STATES THAT GOVT. OF SINGAPORE ON MAY 6 REFUSED PERMISSION TO DISEMBARK REFUGEES. VESSEL'S AGENTS, WORLD WIDE SHIPPING LTD. OF HONG KONG WERE ADVISED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING REFUGEES TO ANOTHER VESSEL, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE STILL ABOARD WORLD LEADER.

2. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN SINGAPORE WAS INSTRUCTED ON MAY 17 TO ASK GOS TO PERMIT REFUGEES TO LAND WHEN SHIP NEXT ARRIVES. WE ARE INFORMED THAT IT IS DUE IN SINGAPORE ON JUNE 3. WE HOPE UNHCR REP CAN SURVEY REFUGEES WITH A VIEW TO THEIR RESETTLEMENT.

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3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO KEEP US INFORMED BUT TO MAKE
CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT US IS NOT REPEAT NOT ASSUMING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE PEOPLE. INGERSOLL

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